

Service Date: June 28, 1983

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application)	UTILITY DIVISION
Of The TOWN OF SACO To Increase)	DOCKET NO. 83.4.24
Natural Gas Rates And Charges.)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4996
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On April 26, 1983, the Town of Saco (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its natural gas rates to provide additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation, to maintain, repair, and improve the gas utility facilities and meet increased capital expenditures.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice Of Opportunity For Public Hearing was published in the May 25, 1983 edition of the Phillips County News and the May 24, 1983 edition of the Great Falls Tribune. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by June 21, 1983, an appropriate order would be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. On April 20, 1983, the Town Council of the Town of Saco passed Resolution No. 183 setting natural gas rates at the proposed level.

4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation to maintain, repair, and improve the natural gas utility facilities.

5. The Town anticipates that the proposed increase in rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$8,000.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.

2. Interested persons were given proper notice and an opportunity to request a public hearing on this matter.

3. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The following rates are authorized:

First 4,000 cu. ft. \$4.00
Each 1,000 cu. ft. \$1.00 per 1,000 cu. ft.

2. These rates shall be effective for all natural gas services rendered on and after June 27, 1983.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on June 27, 1983 by
a 5-0 vote.


BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


Thomas J. Schneider, Chairman

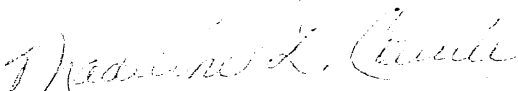

John B. Driscoll, Commissioner


Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner


Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner


Danny Oberg, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Madeline L. Cottrill
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.